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MARCH 27, 1904.

WYMAN, *Washington*:

Inspected to-day 2,092 premises, 8,294 persons, and treated 1,160 water containers. Cock goes inspect Minera and vicinity to-morrow. Request this travel be authorized.

RICHARDSON.

WASHINGTON, *March 28, 1904.*RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.*

Meeting of county health officers with State health officer at Austin March 31. Is it practicable for you to attend? If so, authorized to go and return soon as possible, leaving Frick to carry out your instructions. Answer quick.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, *March 28, 1904.*WYMAN, *Washington*:

During week ended March 26 fumigated Laredo, 54 houses, containing 135 rooms; at Cactus and surrounding ranches, 49 houses, containing 87 rooms. Inspected to-day 2,164 premises and treated 1,207 water containers. Two sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, *March 29, 1904.*WYMAN, *Washington*:

Furnished 31 screen tops for water containers to-day; inspected 2,267 premises and treated 1,394 water containers; three sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, *March 30, 1904.*WYMAN, *Washington*:

Inspected to-day 2,443 premises, and treated 1,008 water containers; furnished 19 screen tops. Fumigated Laredo 5 houses, containing 28 rooms. In absence of Sauvignat, Hamilton will investigate sick. Report to-day's maximum temperature 102°.

FRICK.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

*Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, March 19, as follows:

	Week ended March 19.
Persons inspected .....	305
Persons held .....	0
Pullman cars fumigated .....	7

*Inspection at El Paso, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, March 19, as follows:  
Week ended March 19, 1904.

Mexican Central passengers inspected, 232; inspection, Gates's excursion, 124; inspection, special, 10; inspection, Iowa excursion, 24,

inspection, Mexican immigrants, 56; inspection certificate of case of corpse transported into the United States, 1; fumigation Gates's excursion wagons, 9; disinfection, soiled linen imported for laundry, 345 pieces; detention of a man and his wife, the husband arriving from Aguas Calientes, where smallpox is said to be epidemic; was not vaccinated; he had high fever, pains in the back, with an irritated stomach; the fever declined after the fourth day of his arrival, and there was no eruption visible, consequently he was permitted to pass; vaccination of immigrants and their children, 5.

*Inspection at Laredo, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports through Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, March 22, as follows: Week ended March 19, 1904: Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on trains from Mexico inspected, 548; immigrants inspected, 36; persons vaccinated upon entry, 9; Pullman coaches disinfected, 14; private coaches disinfected, 1.

*Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—yearly and monthly.*

COLORADO—*Denver*.—Month of January, 1904. Estimated population, 175,000. Total number of deaths, 293, including diphtheria 8, enteric fever 4, measles 1, scarlet fever 4, and 57 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 82,128. Total number of deaths, 118, including diphtheria 1, measles 3, and 16 from tuberculosis.

IOWA—*Keokuk*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 16,000. Total number of deaths, 12, including 2 from enteric fever.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State Board of Health, Lansing, for the week ended March 19, 1904, from 78 observers, indicate that pleuritis, smallpox, intermittent fever, and cholera morbus were more prevalent, and gonorrhea, phthisis pulmonalis, pneumonia, syphilis, enteric fever, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, and puerperal fever were less prevalent than in the preceding week.

Meningitis was reported present at 3, whooping cough at 12, diphtheria at 28, enteric fever at 43, measles at 73, smallpox at 82, scarlet fever at 85, pneumonia at 103, and phthisis pulmonalis at 216 places.

Grand Rapids.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 95,000. Total number of deaths, 156, including enteric fever 8, whooping cough 3, and 9 from tuberculosis.

The Monthly Bulletin of Vital Statistics says:

The total number of deaths reported to the secretary of state for February was 3,389, an increase of 263 over the preceding month. The death rate rose from 14.7 in January to 17.1 for February. By ages there were 523 deaths of infants under 1 year of age; 201 deaths of children aged 1 to 4 years, and 1,158 deaths of elderly persons 65 years of age and over. The principal increase of the month was for the latter class. Important causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis of lungs, 189; typhoid fever, 42; diphtheria and croup, 57; scarlet fever, 32; measles, 21; whooping cough,